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Dr. James B. Rhoads
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Dear Dr. Rhoads:

As I understood what occurred and was promised in Judge Gesell's court today, it is that you will take pictures of the clothing exhibits for me as I ask but not give me copies of them and that you will give me copies of the existing pictures. On the latter point I could not hear clearly. If I am in error, the transcript will disclose it. Perhaps the representative of the GSA general counsel who was there can clarify this for you, or Mr. Werdig.

I do not know what pictures you already have, so I can neither say which I would like to have and cannot with certainty say which I would like to have made.

It is not, as it never was, my purpose to cause you any unnecessary work. So, pending examination of those you may have already taken, let me limit my request to these to be made:

1. A side view of the knot of the tie, taken from the wearer's left and showing nothing but the knot. As of my last knowledge, there was no such picture.

2. A view of the back of the knot from as close to 90 degrees as presents no problem for the photographer.

3. A picture of the back of the damage to the front of the shirt, showing nothing but this damage, hence making, as in the other cases, as large as possible a negative.

4. A picture of the tie in place underneath the collar, with the collar button buttoned, showing no more than the complete shirt tabs in width, going a little above the collar and however far below it would come with the greater dimension of the film in the same plane as the collar.

If I correctly understood that I am to get copies of the existing pictures, then of the one I was shown, of the front of the shirt, all that interests me is described in our earlier correspondence. I am interested in the areas of the damage only and would prefer that this part only be enlarged to your usual 8x10 size.

Would you please let me know at your earliest convenience when I may be able to see these pictures? I do hope it can be reasonably soon.

Although I have repeatedly asked for all regulations, it is clear that not all have been supplied. So, I renew again this old request. I would like your assurance or that of someone in the office of the general counsel that this time I am getting all in any way relevant to any use of the Warren Commission materials of whatever character, origin or description.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg